

their summer and senior work in computing. At Villanova University, computer science projects and computer scientists are being showcased at the library all month. Drexel University will host a series of events that honor computer science's contribution to society and raise awareness of its importance in education, economic growth, and technological innovations.

The inclusion of computer science in K-12 education is of vital importance to prepare students for work in this field and to access emerging available jobs. Earlier this Congress, I was pleased to introduce S. 1614, the Computer Science Education Act, which would strengthen computer science education in elementary schools and high schools. The Computer Science Education Act would help to ensure that American students not only use technology in school but also learn the technical computing skills needed to grow our economy and invent the technology that will drive our economic future. Technology firms and backers of computer science education in Pennsylvania and elsewhere strongly support this legislation as a necessary investment in our future economic competitiveness.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on these issues. America simply cannot afford to continue wasting talent and opportunities in the computing field. This Computer Science Education Week, I applaud the efforts of educators, students, and activities organizers who are showcasing the importance of this subject.●

TRIBUTE TO JAMES E. HOGGE

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate James E. Hogge on his upcoming retirement from serving as State director of the Idaho Small Business Development Center, SBDC, and recognize his remarkable career.

As State director of the Idaho SBDC for nearly 18 years, Jim has led the center with distinction and helped shape it into a highly regarded resource for small business consulting and training. He has provided strategic planning and financial and programmatic oversight and guided the center through challenges, including limited budgets. During his time leading the center, the Idaho SBDC was one of the first SBDCs in the country to be accredited and has received the highest accreditation possible in the past two reviews. The Idaho SBDC has also been in the top 10 percent of SBDCs in the country based on productivity and impact, which includes the growth of sales and jobs, capital raised, and return on investment.

Jim recognizes the immense value of partnerships in assisting businesses and has worked to utilize the expertise of individuals and organizations for the benefit of the entrepreneurs and businesses seeking assistance and all those involved in the partnerships. Some of

his collaborative achievements during his time as State director include the development of a partnership with Boise State University, the University of Idaho, and Idaho State University to help Idaho's manufacturers increase their sales and reduce costs. Jim also planned and developed funding for the Technology and Entrepreneurial Center at Boise State University. Additionally, he developed collaborative projects with the University of Idaho Law School, the Idaho National Laboratory, the city of Boise, the Idaho Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Zions Bank, and the U.S. Forest Service.

Prior to his work at the Idaho SBDC, Jim spent 20 years serving our Nation in the U.S. Air Force as a weapons systems operator in F-111 and EF-111 aircraft. He has also provided significant service to the community and Nation through volunteering and serving on various local and national boards. This includes his service on the board of the Association of Small Business Development Centers, ASBDC, and his service as ASBDC Accreditation chair. He also served on the board of directors for Drug Free Idaho and the Idaho GemStars and was a founding board member for the Idaho Non-Profit Center. In addition, he was appointed to the Governor's Rural Task Force to help develop long-term strategies to help Idaho's rural communities, and he served on the Criminal Justice Council and as president of the Boise Sunrise Rotary Club.

Outstanding service has been the hallmark of Jim's career. I congratulate Jim on his many successes and thank him for his service to the community, State and Nation. I wish him a very happy retirement.●

TRIBUTE TO FRANCIS J. BUTTERFIELD

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I wish today to commemorate Francis James Butterfield's 92nd birthday and pay tribute to his remarkable life.

Francis, who was born on November 2, 1920, to Millard E. and Margaret C. Payne Butterfield in Franklin County, NE, has led a positive life of dedicated service. His devotion to his country started early. His mother was active in the women's suffrage movement and looked forward to voting for the first time. Margaret was in labor with Francis on election day and braved the labor pains to cast her ballot before giving birth to Francis. As Francis describes it, "So, that's how I got here—my Mom voted first, then she went home and had me."

This dedication and resolve runs deep in Francis. He grew up during the Great Depression in a happy, resourceful, and grateful family despite the challenges. He helped with his two brothers' mechanic operation and worked retail sales before volunteering for the U.S. Army in 1942. He completed Officer Candidate School and served in the Pacific Theater during

World War II. He was assigned to an Amphibian Tractor Battalion that served in Okinawa. He also served as a Tank Destroyer Unit commander and rose to the rank of captain before his honorable discharge from Active Duty in 1946. The military honors he earned for his service to our Nation include the American Theater Service Medal, Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, and World War II Victory Medal. He continued to serve in the U.S. Army Reserves until his honorable discharge from Reserve service in 1953.

On October 18, 1959, Francis married Doris Jo Runge, and they were blessed with two daughters: Georgia Jo and Virginia Jo. Francis had a 23-year career with the U.S. Postal Service. He served as a mail carrier, and he walked 25-30 miles per day delivering mail in Sidney, NE. Since Doris' passing in 1998, Francis spends time traveling to visit his family, including his daughters and granddaughter, Aleah. His daughters keep him busy fixing things, and he also enjoys shopping.

Francis is a positive, outgoing, friendly, and patriotic American. He is a problem solver with a "can do" spirit who does not let challenges get in his way. I commend him for his example of optimism and devotion and wish him great happiness.●

TRIBUTE TO SOUTH DAKOTA NATIONAL GUARD

● Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, today, on the 376th birthday of the National Guard, I wish to honor all those who have served in the National Guard and to pay tribute to the South Dakota National Guard, which this year celebrates its 150th anniversary. The South Dakota National Guard has served in every major American conflict since the Civil War, in addition to helping countless communities recover from natural disasters and other emergencies. This June, South Dakotans participated in celebrations across the State to commemorate the Guard's important milestone.

The history of the South Dakota National Guard dates back to the early days of the Dakota Territory. On January 27, 1862, the Guard first formed in Yankton, SD, to protect settlers in the fledgling territory. Since that time, the South Dakota National Guard has served our Nation in every major conflict, sending units to the Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II, and Operations Just Cause and Desert Storm. The Guard has also been called to aid in our country's military efforts during the Mexican border conflict, the Korean war, the Vietnam war, and peacekeeping missions in Bosnia and Kosovo.

Since the attacks of September 11, over 8,000 South Dakota guardsmen have served in Iraq and Afghanistan, and we honor the service of those guardsmen who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. As the father of a soldier in the National